

MARICOPA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CODE

CHAPTER VI

BATHING PLACES - PUBLIC AND SEMIPUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS

SECTION 8

WADING POOLS

In addition to complying with the Regulations in Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and Section 6, Regulations 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this Chapter, Wading Pools shall comply with the following Regulations:

REGULATION 1. Public

- a. In public bathing places, wading pools shall be separated from swimming pools by a minimum four (4) foot high fence or partition with self-closing, self-latching gate to prevent the direct entrance of waders into the swimming pool area.
- b. Public wading pools shall be equipped with chemical controllers and chart recorders capable of maintaining pH and chlorine levels within the regulated limits.

REGULATION 2. Semipublic

Wading pools shall be separated from semipublic swimming pools by a minimum of four (4) feet of walkway. A wading pool shall not be located adjacent to the deep area of a semipublic swimming pool.

REGULATION 3. Depth

Wading pools shall have a maximum depth of 20 inches, the slope of the bottom shall not exceed one (1) foot in 12 feet, and a non-slip surface shall be provided.

REGULATION 4. Circulation

- a. Wading pools shall have a maximum turnover cycle of one (1) hour;
- b. All wading pools must have separate equipment from any other pool for water recirculation and disinfection and there shall be no cross-connection between a wading pool and any other pool;
- c. Wading pools shall be equipped with at least two main drains located in the deepest portion that are separated by a minimum of three (3) feet. Suction outlets in a wading pool shall be plumbed so as to eliminate any possibility of entrapping suction. Each drain shall be covered by an anti-vortex cover, which is not readily removable by bathers and has safe openings of at least four (4) times the area of the drainpipe.
- d. Skimmers shall be provided on the basis of at least one (1) skimmer for each 200 square feet of wading pool surface area. Skimmer flow rates shall be the same as required for

- swimming pools. Where only one (1) skimmer is provided, the main drain may be connected through the skimmer;
- e. Inlets shall be provided on a basis of at least one (1) for each 15 feet of periphery. Where three (3) or more inlets are required, they shall be on a closed loop piping system.

REGULATION 5. Drinking Fountains

A sanitary drinking fountain at a height convenient to small children shall be provided at one (1) side or end of the area. Alternately, a fountain with a raised step, to enable small children to drink without assistance, may be provided.

REGULATION 6. Depth Markers

A wading pool shall be equipped with depth markers complying with Chapter VI, Section 6, Regulation 1, of this code.

REGULATION 7. Disinfection

Gaseous chlorine shall not be used for disinfection of water in wading pools.